

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Researching Crime and Justice  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 78.5  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 161.5

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	37.5
Tutorial	13
Workshop	27

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	1 hr exam	40	1
Essay	AS2	1,000 word outline of Group Presentation	30	
Presentation	AS3	Group Presentation	30	

### Aims

1. To introduce to students a range of methods used in criminological research.
2. To indicate the various strengths and weaknesses of these methods, and the

*types of research questions for which some are more/less feasible.*

*3. To introduce students to the relationship between research, policy and practice through the use of case studies based upon researchers' and practitioners' own experiences.*

*4. To emphasise the politicised nature of criminological research alongside ethical and methodological challenges.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Recognise a variety of both qualitative and quantitative criminological research methods.
- 2 Engage with the literature pertaining to the key strengths and weaknesses of different research methods.
- 3 Identify how research is mobilised to legitimate and inform criminological knowledge production and criminal justice policy through a variety of real world examples.
- 4 Demonstrate an understanding of the political, ethical and methodological dilemmas which criminological research poses.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

1 hr exam	1	2	3
1,000 word outline	1	2	4
Group Presentation	1	2	4

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Quantitative Methods in Criminological Research.*

*Qualitative Methods in Criminological Research.*

*Criminological Research: Theory, policy, practice.*

*The Realities of Doing Research on Crime and Justice Using Real World Examples.*

*The Politics and Ethics of Criminological Research.*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, note-taking, participatory reading and workshops, preparation for group presentation and exam.

## **Notes**

The module introduces a range of methods used in criminological research. It explores their strengths, weaknesses and various applicability, focusing upon these both 'in the books' and in the real world examples of criminological research. Further, the module examines how these are employed to legitimate and inform theory, policy and practice.